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FNC Resolution:  
Definition of "Internet"

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**On October 24, 1995, the FNC unanimously passed a resolution defining the term *Internet*. This definition was developed in consultation with the leadership of the Internet and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Communities.**

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RESOLUTION:

"The Federal Networking Council (FNC) agrees that the following language reflects our definition of the term "Internet".

"Internet" refers to the global information system that --

(i) is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the Internet Protocol (IP) or its subsequent extensions/follow-ons;

(ii) is able to support communications using the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) suite or its subsequent extensions/follow-ons, and/or other IP-compatible protocols; and

(iii) provides, uses or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high level services layered on the communications and related infrastructure described herein."

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